CLAIMS

1. A print-ordering system comprising:

print-control means which transfers image data to a print system, where the image data is transmitted from a user terminal via a network, and notifies the print system of image-processing mode of the image data and makes the print system execute print processing;

image-processing means which performs image processing for an image(s) used for selecting the image-processing mode;

selection-inquiry means that transmits the image-processing-mode-selection image(s) to the user terminal and that receives information about a result of selection made by a user from among the image-processing-mode-selection image(s); and

selection-result-storing means which stores the selection-result information,

wherein the print-control means determines the image-processing mode of which the print system is notified on the basis of the selection-result information stored in the selection-result-storing means.

2. A print-ordering system according to Claim 1, wherein the image-processing means performs multilevel-image processing for the image-processing mode and the selection-inquiry means transmits the at least two image-processing-

mode-selection images obtained by performing the multilevel-image processing to the user terminal so that the user makes selection.

3. A print-ordering system according to Claim 1, wherein the image-processing means performs the image processing for either a sample image stored in an image database in advance or the image data transmitted from the user terminal.

4. A print-ordering system according to Claim 3, further comprising means adapted to make an inquiry about which of the sample image and the image data of the user the user wants to select, as the image-processing-mode-selection image, via the user terminal, wherein the image-processing-mode-selection image is selected and the image processing is performed according to information about a result of the selection made by the user for the inquiry.

5. A print-ordering system according to Claim 1, further comprising means adapted to ask the user about a type of the image-processing mode in which the image-processing means performs the image processing via the user terminal, wherein the type of the image-processing mode is determined according to a result of selection made by the user for the inquiry.

6. A print-ordering system according to Claim 1, wherein the image-processing mode includes at least one of outline emphasis, hue, color density, gradation, and contrast.

7. A print-ordering method comprising:

a print-control step adapted to transfer image data to a print system, where the image data is transmitted from a user terminal via a network, and notify the print system of image-processing mode of the image data and make the print system execute print processing;

an image-processing step adapted to perform image processing for an image(s) used for selecting the image-processing mode;

a selection-inquiry step adapted to transmit the image-processing-mode-selection image(s) to the user terminal and receive information about a result of selection made by a user from among the image-processing-mode-selection image(s); and

a selection-result-storing step adapted to store the selection-result information in selection-result-storing means,

wherein, at the print-control step, the image-processing mode of which the print system is notified is determined on the basis of the selection-result information stored in the selection-result-storing means.

8. A print-ordering method according to Claim 7, wherein, at the image-processing step, multilevel-image processing for the image-processing mode is performed, and at the selection-inquiry step, the at least two image-processing-

mode-selection images obtained by performing the multilevel-image processing are transmitted to the user terminal so that the user makes selection.

9. A print-ordering method according to Claim 7, wherein, at the image-processing step, the image processing is performed for either a sample image stored in an image database in advance or the image data transmitted from the user terminal.

10. A print-ordering method according to Claim 9, further comprising the step of making an inquiry about which of the sample image and the image data of the user the user wants to select, as the image-processing-mode-selection image, via the user terminal, wherein the image-processing-mode-selection image is selected and the image processing is performed according to information about a result of the selection made by the user for the inquiry.

11. A print-ordering method according to Claim 7, further comprising the step of asking the user about a type of the image-processing mode in which the image processing is performed at the image-processing step via the user terminal, wherein the type of the image-processing mode is determined according to a result of selection made by the user for the inquiry.

12. A print-ordering method according to Claim 7, wherein the image-processing mode includes at least one of outline

emphasis, hue, color density, gradation, and contrast.

13. A program that is computer readable and adapted to control a print-ordering system which produces a print of a print-order image stored in a user terminal by using a print system, the program comprising:

a print-control step adapted to transfer image data to a print system, where the image data is transmitted from a user terminal via a network, and notify the print system of image-processing mode of the image data and make the print system execute print processing;

an image-processing step adapted to perform image processing for an image(s) used for selecting the image-processing mode;

a selection-inquiry step adapted to transmit the image-processing-mode-selection image(s) to the user terminal and receive information about a result of selection made by a user from among the image-processing-mode-selection image(s); and

a selection-result-storing step adapted to store the selection-result information in selection-result-storing means,

wherein, at the print-control step, the image-processing mode of which the print system is notified is determined on the basis of the selection-result information stored in the selection-result-storing means.

14. A program according to Claim 13, wherein, at the image-processing step, multilevel-image processing for the image-processing mode is performed, and at the selection-inquiry step, the at least two image-processing-mode-selection images obtained by performing the multilevel-image processing are transmitted to the user terminal so that the user makes selection.

15. A program according to Claim 13, wherein, at the image-processing step, the image processing is performed for either a sample image stored in an image database in advance or the image data transmitted from the user terminal.

16. A program according to Claim 15, further comprising the step of making an inquiry about which of the sample image and the image data of the user the user wants to select, as the image-processing-mode-selection image, via the user terminal, wherein the image-processing-mode-selection image is selected and the image processing is performed according to information about a result of the selection made by the user for the inquiry.

17. A program according to Claim 13, further comprising the step of asking the user about a type of the image-processing mode in which the image processing is performed at the image-processing step via the user terminal, wherein the type of the image-processing mode is determined according to a result of selection made by the user for the

inquiry.

18. A program according to Claim 13, wherein the image-processing mode includes at least one of outline emphasis, hue, color density, gradation, and contrast.